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Parent Advisory Council Minutes for February 2nd, 2017 6:30pm

Call to Order @ 6:45pm

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from January 11st meeting

Motion to approve both - Krissy and Amanda L

Jessica Gemella playground reveal presentation

- Background on how the project started, phases that have been completed so far.
- Based on the two concepts of a playspace in the courtyard vs existing open space, it was decided to use the existing playground space at the side of the school
- Less likely to have conflicts with school enhancement uses in future
- Estimated cost for all elements in playspace if tendered to a single company is \$150,000.
- Plan is now broken into three phases with the first being the "Mound" where the structure is built up so less associated cost with digging
- Zipline element alone is \$25,000 and there was some feedback that this element only allows one child at a time.
- All existing play features are included but there is also native plant garden to soften the touch
- Estimate is based on cost of each item and relative material
- Estimate not broken down by labour/materials
- Similar elements have been installed in public schools in Victoria and Richmond
- Question regarding upkeep of mound -
 - Estimate includes erosion control suggested clover seeding- a hybrid that flowers less for bee control
- Mound allows for climbing ropes and other items to be affixed (slated for Phase 3)
- Discussion on soliciting community for donations which would bring down the cost
- No civil engineer consulted due to budget. Concern about drainage around plan
- Two options for equipment assembly one team to assemble everything (expensive) vs one supervisor overseeing volunteers
- Consultation will need to happen regarding volunteer labor vis a vis CUPE
- Construction will have to occur on weekends or over summer
- Plan reveal was intended to assist in fundraising
- Mike from District will take the plan back for consultation

Principal's Report

- Lieutenant Gov attended discussed Canada 150th, presented books to school
- School applied to be pilot school for Joyful Literacy which seeks to have 90% of children up to reading at Grade level
- Province has granted funding to the school which will be used for more counselling
- This will allow support teachers to focus on literacy
- Circus came- well received
- French Immersion lottery
- School population has increased for next year and we will have an extra division (class and a half)
 - We will have portable installed
 - o Request for full covered breezeway like LPS

Co - Chair Report

Nothing to report

Hot lunch

- Thursday dinners update helper for next two dinner dates
- January was a slump not as many dinners ordered but \$130 in profit
- Chili hot lunch made \$260 for last month
- Upcoming hot lunches are available for order

Fundraising Report

- Bottle drive \$618 in cans/bottles brought to the school plus \$114 dropped off at Depot previously
- Movie night \$252 in profit 80 people attended
- Licence is now expired. Will buy licence just before next movie night possibly April.
- Valentines dance (Feb 17)
 - Balloon bouquets from Patty's Party Palace
 - Prizes have been given in past
 - Will need lights for dance
 - Still need bakers
- Spring fling dance possible
- Edible plant sale in the works
- Discussion regarding fundraising efforts for Playspace
- Possible fundraiser for anti-bullying still being researched- Anti-bullying day Feb 22

Treasure's Report

- Claire is away
- See attached

PlaySpace

• Fundraiser - telethon - deadline of April 28

DPAC Report

- Amanda is away
- DPAC is sponsoring 10 parents to attend "Connecting the Dots"

Date for Next Meeting - March 1, 2017

Meeting Adjourned

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